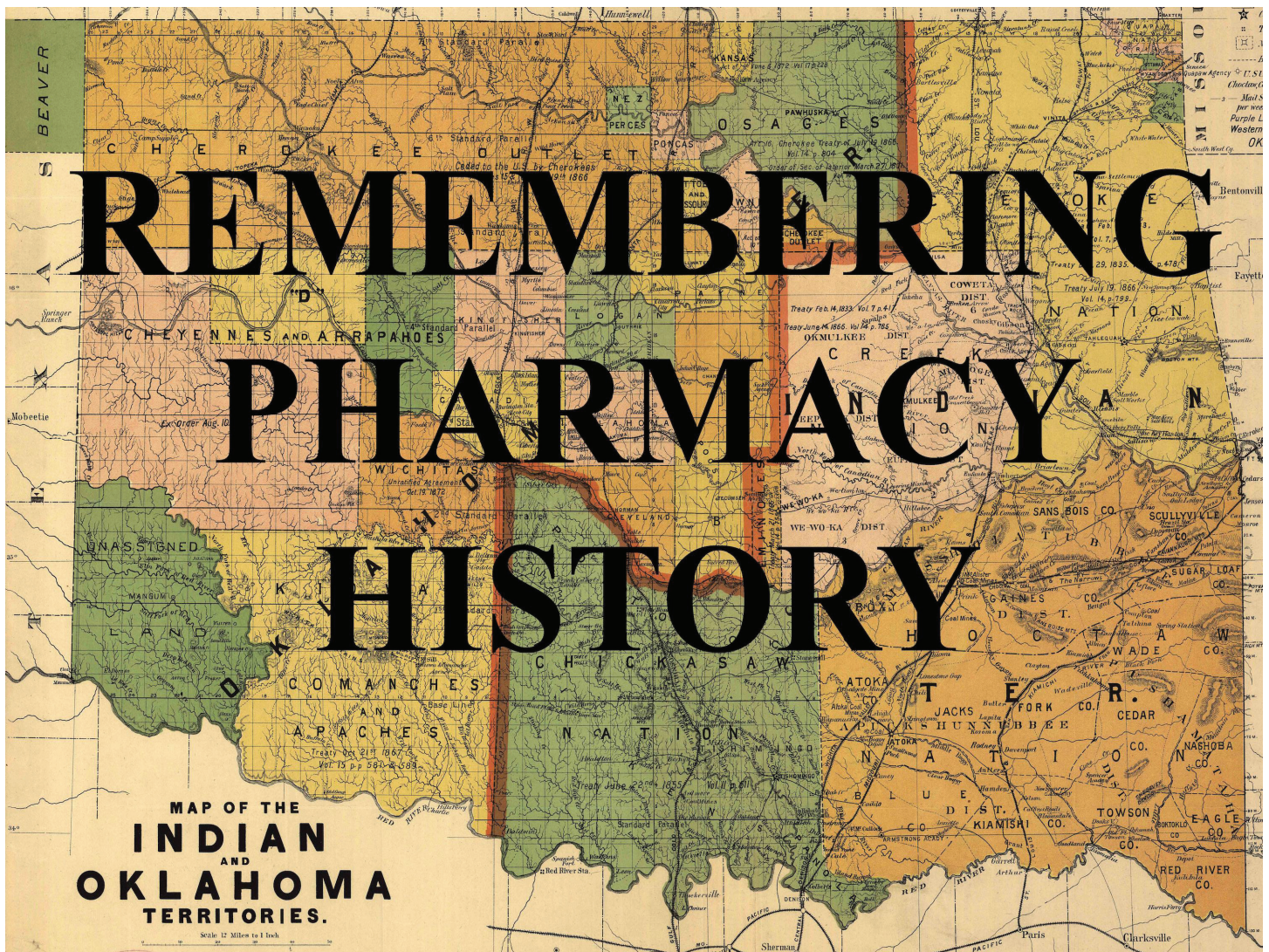


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In many ways, Palace Drug of Coalgate (Figure 1) is typical of a retail pharmacy in towns of Oklahoma, having a large front end containing a variety of goods and a lunch counter/soda fountain near the entrance. Uniquely, however, this particular store represents a family tradition that extends back more than one hundred years to the days of the Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory. Inheritors in the long line of family pharmacists are today's owners, Gay (McInnis) and Thomas Ray Barnett (Figures 2 - 5). The Barnetts, both 1956 graduates of Coalgate High School, celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 26, 2010. They began dating during their junior year in Coalgate and were married soon after graduation.

After high school, Tom Barnett began studying accounting at East Central State College (now East Central University) in Ada, Oklahoma, but shortly changed his direction. He entered Southwestern State College (now Southwestern Oklahoma State University, SWOSU) in Weatherford, Oklahoma, after Gay's father, Claud Ray (known as C. R.) McInnis, asked Tom to study pharmacy. Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1963 and started working as a pharmacist for John Parsons at the Palace Drug in Okemah, Oklahoma.

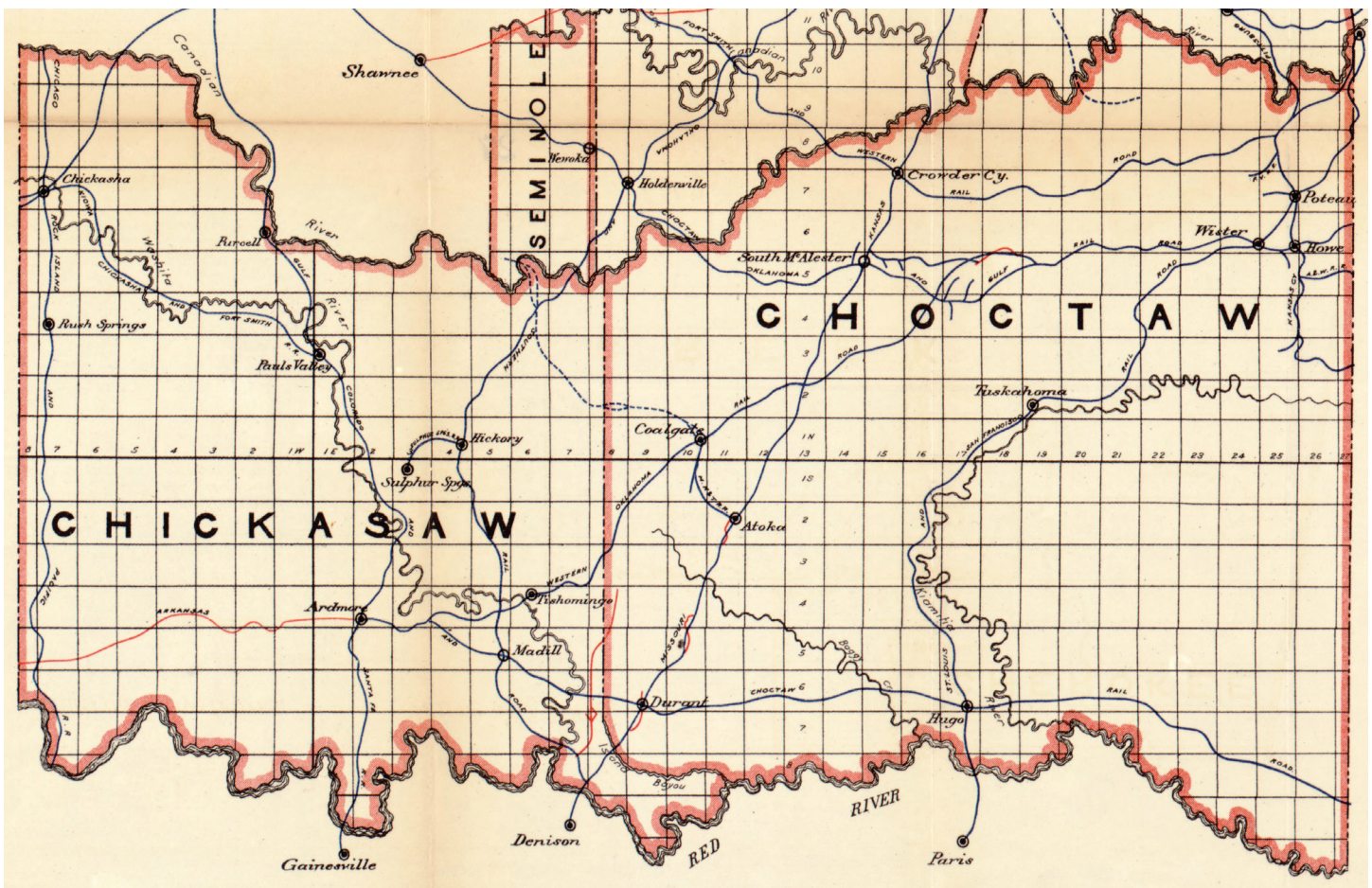


Figure 1. Southern Indian Territory, showing the location of Coalgate, northwest of Atoka, in the Choctaw Nation. Modified from a 1903 map at the United States Library of Congress.



Figure 2. Entryway (left) and sign for the Palace Drug at 104 West Ohio, Coalgate, Oklahoma. Photographs taken by the author, October 12, 2010.

Gay and Tom Barnett returned to Coalgate in 1964 after C. R.'s brother and partner in Palace Drug, Robert John (Bob) died unexpectedly. Tom became pharmacist in the store and the Barnetts eventually took over operation and then ownership of Palace Drug. In the spring of 2010, they retained Joe Don Burns, another Coalgate native and a 1998 graduate of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, to manage the pharmacy. The ancestral history of Gay Barnett tells the story of the Bell-McInnis family of Coalgate pharmacists, beginning with Gay's granduncle, Joseph "Joe" Bell.¹

Joe Bell was a son of William and Annabell "Annie" (Patterson) Bell, who came to the United States from Scotland in 1871. William and Annie celebrated their birthdays on the same day, May 16. Both were born in Glasgow,



Figure 3. Prescription counter at Coalgate's Palace Drug. Pharmacist Joe Don Burns, wearing blue, is checking a prescription. Photograph taken by the author, October 12, 2010.

William in 1845 and Annabell in 1846. They were married in their hometown in 1866 and their first two children, Barbara and Joseph I, were born in Scotland. In 1869, William came to the United States and settled in Lonaconing, Allegany County, Maryland, where he engaged in mining. Annabell brought the two children to the United States in July of 1871 on the ship "India."²

In Maryland, two more Bell children, William and Robert, were born to William and Annie. In 1874, the family moved to Iowa, settling near Oskaloosa in Mahaska County, where William worked as a miner and where their children, Elizabeth (Lizzie) and James, were born. William moved to Krebs, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, in 1879, to work in the coal mines. Annie stayed in Delta, Keokuk



Figure 4. Gay (McInnis) and Tom Barnett, owners of Palace Drug in Coalgate, standing in front of pictures of Gay's father and mother. Courtesy of Gay and Tom Barnett, 2010.



Figure 5. Front end of Palace Drug in Coalgate, extending from the prescription counter on left to the entryway on the right of the picture. Photograph taken by the author, October 12, 2010.

County, Iowa, until after June of 1881, when their son James was born. She brought the Bell children to Krebs in late 1881 or early 1882.

On May 8, 1882, soon after arriving in Krebs, Joseph I died. He is buried in the North McAlester (or North Town) Cemetery, McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. On June 13, 1884, William and Annie had a male child, born in Krebs and named Joseph (Joe) after his deceased brother. Another son, named George, was born in Krebs in May of 1886. In 1889, William and Annie moved the family from Krebs to a recently established mining town, named Liddle, located further south in the Choctaw Nation. The name of the town was changed in the following year to Coalgate. Consequently, the William and Annie Bell family can be listed among the earliest Coalgate settlers. All but sons William and Robert and daughter Barbara were living with William and Annie in Coalgate at the time of the June, 1900 United States census.³

When the 1900 census was taken in Coalgate on June 7, fifteen - soon to be sixteen - year old Joe Bell, his father William, and his brother James, were working in a local coal mine while his sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) was working as a saleswoman in an unnamed location. Not long afterward, probably in the same year, Joe began learning pharmacy by working in a local drug store. In the 1902-1905 time frame, Joe attended school at Bacone College in Muskogee, Creek Nation, Indian Territory, and in Sherman, Texas. He was back in Coalgate working as a pharmacist before April of 1906.⁴

	NO. OF CERTIFICATE	DATE OF CERTIFICATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	How REGISTERED	REMARKS
X	833	Jan 16	Latimer, S. B.	De Queen, Ark.	Examination	
X	834	"	O'Neal, Wilson	Canadian, I. T.	Act Congress	
X	835	"	Rowland, Benj. F.	Hamona, I. T.	" "	
X	836	"	Rushing, Lutz	Durant, I. T.	" "	
X	837	"	Symonds, Wm. O.	Valiant, I. T.	" "	
X	838	"	Stocker, Geo. F.	Stigler, I. T.	Diploma	
X	839	"	Settle, J. Andrew	Boynnton, I. T.	Act Congress	
X	840	"	Smith, J. H. P.	Tahkima, I. T.	" "	
X	841	"	Wright, John D.	Chickasha, I. T.	" "	
X	842	"	Welch, Wm. A. Jr.	Poteau, I. T.	" "	
X	843	"	Palmore, Chas. F.	Wichita, Kan.	Diploma	Kansas, Nov. 1896
X	844	"	Coppedge, W. J.	Bixby, I. T.	Act of Cong.	
X	845	Apr 17	Alpers, H. W.	Homer, I. T.	" "	
X	846	"	Allen, Robert	Okemah	Exam	
X	847	"	Bryant, S. C.	Collinsville	"	
X	848	"	Bell, Joseph	Coalgate	Act of Cong.	
X	849	"	Brown, Madison	Durant	" "	
X	850	"	Biles, B. C.	Madill	" "	
X	851	"	Bounds, O. L.	Graham	" "	
X	852	"	Collard, Jas. W.	Kiowa	" "	

Figure 6. Page from the Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy Registration Book showing pharmacist certificate number 848, fifth from the bottom of the page, assigned to Joseph Bell of Coalgate on April 17, 1906. Photograph by Luke Anthony obtained in the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Archives and Records Division.

To The Public!

I have purchased the Culbertson Drug Store and invite all my friends and the public in general to call and see me when they need

***Pure Drxgs
and reliable
Prescription work***

**I assure you your patronage
will receive my best efforts**

JOE BELL

In the P. O. Drug Store.

Figure 7. Advertisement by Joe Bell after buying Culbertson's Drug Store in Coalgate. From The Coalgate Record-Register, November 23, 1911.

On April 17, 1906, the Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy met in the United States courtroom in Ada, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. At that time, the board issued Joe Bell of Coalgate pharmacist license number 848 (Figure 6), based upon the fact that he had been working in a pharmacy before the 1904 pharmacy law for the territory was enacted by the United States Congress.⁵

Joe Bell continued to work as a pharmacist in Coalgate drug stores after receiving his pharmacy certificate in 1906. In April of 1910, only about four months after his house in Coalgate was destroyed by fire, he bought a drug store in the nearby town of Phillips from Arthur Samuel Spangler. Spangler was a physician from Tennessee who had purchased the store in January of 1906. In November of 1911, Joe found a better opportunity in the purchase of Paul Culbertson's drug store, located in the Coalgate post office (Figure 7).⁶

In 1906, Joe married Emily Louise "Emma Lou" Connally, a daughter of Charles Clay and Willia Etta (Jenkins) Connally. Emma Lou was born on August 10, 1885, in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama, and moved to Coalgate in the early 1900s. The three children-Louise, Joseph Connally, and William Robert-of Joe and Emma Lou Bell were born and reared in Coalgate, but none followed their father in the drug business.⁷

REMOVAL NOTICE!

To My Customers and Friends:

I have moved my Drug Store to my property on South Main Street, opposite Hudson's Store and am in a position to **SAVE You Money** on

Drugs, Toilet Articles everything found in a first **Class Drug Store**

We will have a large line of Christmas Gift Goods and Toys
to be sold at a very low margin of profit

Prescriptions filled as the doctor orders them. Give me a trial

Coalgate

JOE BELL

Phone 64

Figure 8. Notice of the move of Joe Bell's Drug Store to a new site. From The Coalgate Record-Register, November 11, 1920.

Fire! Fire!

On account of the fire in my store I am immediately opening up my drug store in the building south of the Covington store, where we will serve you until necessary repairs are made at the old location.

JOE BELL
The Druggist

NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION

On account of the fire in my store I am immediately opening up my drug store in the building south of the Crystal Candy Kitchen, where we will serve you until necessary repairs are made at the old location.

JOE BELL
The Druggist

Figure 9. Notice on the left by Joe Bell regarding the move to temporary quarters after the fire in his drug store from *The Coalgate Record-Register*, January 14, 1932. Notice on the right by Joe Bell regarding the change in temporary quarters for his drug store from *The Coalgate Record-Register*, January 21, 1932.

In 1920, Joe Bell moved his drug store in Coalgate to a new location on South Main Street, across from Hudson's "Big Country" Store (Figure 8). The proximity to Hudson's helped to facilitate the friendship developed between the two families.⁸

On the night of January 13, 1932, a fire broke out in the back of Joe Bell's drug store, resulting in substantial loss of drug stock and fixtures. The Bell family at the time was planning to attend the wedding on January 23 of Joe's son, Joseph Connally Bell, to Marie Hunt in Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma. Joe quickly made arrangements to open his store in temporary quarters before the wedding (Figure 9). Joe's losses during the fire included his Oklahoma pharmacy certificate, which was replaced in 1933 after a visit from the pharmacy board inspector (Figure 10).⁹

The return of Joe Bell to his old quarters after the fire was accompanied by a well-publicized decrease in the price of certain items in the store (Figure 11). Joe soon learned, however, that a fire during the troubled times of the so-called "Great Depression" could be devastating to business. By 1941, the economic climate, combined with the fact that Joe did not refuse drugs to customers because of their in-

JOE BELL
DRUGGIST

COALGATE, OKLA., 3/28 1933

To Ocala State Board of Pharmacy:
I hereby apply for a duplicate of my original certificate No 138 as a Registered in Ocala.
My certificate was destroyed by fire on the 13th day 1932, fee of 1.00 enclosed

Joseph Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day March 1933

J. C. Burton
Notary Public

Figure 10. Letter requesting replacement of his pharmacy license destroyed in the 1932 fire at his drug store in Coalgate. Witnessed by inspector and past secretary of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, J. C. Burton, "Notary Republic." From Archives and Records Division, ODL.

ability to pay, resulted in bankruptcy for Bell Drug. After a meeting with his creditors on November 28, 1941, Joe was able to reopen by mid-December of that year (Figure 12). Another fire in Coalgate on February 23, 1942, caused damage to Bell Drug. After repairs, Joe was able to open up again in early March. This time, in an attempt to attract customers as United States involvement in World War II began to heighten, he focused his advertisements toward the lunch and dancing crowd in town (Figure 13). By May of 1942, Joe was unable to sustain the drug store downtown and moved his stock of drugs to his home (Figure 14).¹⁰

In October of 1942, Joe and Emma Lou Bell closed their home drug store in Coalgate and moved to Detroit, Michigan. Upon their return to Coalgate in July of the following year, they reopened the drug store in their home and sold the remaining contents at "cut rate" prices (Figure 15). By the end of 1943, Joe Bell's drug business was no longer in existence. Joe continued to work as a pharmacist in Coalgate and reciprocated his pharmacy license enabling employment in Arkansas after Emma Lou died. Her death on October 7, 1951, was followed by his on October 27, 1958. They are buried in the Coalgate Cemetery.¹¹

The decline of Joe Bell's drug store in Coalgate coincided with the ascent of the Palace Drug Store owned by Joe's nephews, Robert "Bob" John and Claud Ray "C. R." McInnis. Bob and C. R. were sons of Joe's sister, Lizzie.

Lizzie Bell married John McInnes, son of John, Sr., and Mary Belle (VanBrocklin) McInnes, in Coalgate on February 26, 1902. Lizzie and John began spelling the family name as McInnis in the early part of the twentieth century. Their three children, Bob, C. R., and Annabell (Peggy), were born and reared in Coalgate. John died on August 20, 1918, and Lizzie became the stalwart of the family.¹²

Like the Bell family, the McInnes family originated in Scotland. John, Sr., was born there on May 16, 1850, and came to the United States with his mother in 1865, settling in the coal mining regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio. He married Mary Belle in Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, on August 20, 1874, and John, Jr., was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, on November 15, 1879. The McInnes family came to the coal mining region of the Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory in 1886, living in Savanna and Lehigh before moving, in April of 1893, to Coalgate. In 1898, John, Sr. bought the livery and grocery business of John W. Boyle on Main Street in Coalgate (Figure 16). Soon after his marriage to Lizzie Bell, John, Jr., opened a general store in Coalgate (Figure 17).¹³

After John, Jr., died, Lizzie took a job working as a sales lady in the local Corner Drug Store (Figure 18). Probably because of her lead and influence, Lizzie's oldest son, Bob, began working in the Corner Drug Store on May 15, 1919. Having been born on August 8, 1905, Bob was almost fourteen years of age at the time. He

DRUG PRICES GO DOWN

We have decided to cut the prices on drugs to meet the present conditions.

Below we list a few standard drugs with the regular retail prices and the prices we will sell them at in the future.

\$1.20 SYRUP PEPSIN	95c
60c SYRUP PEPSIN	45c
\$1.00 WINE CARDUI	90c
\$1.50 LYDIA E. PINKHAM VEG. COMP.	\$1.35
60c BELL'S COUGH SYRUP	45c
30c BELL'S COUGH SYRUP	25c
50c ARMONDS FACE POWDER	45c
40c CASTORIA	35c
50c MILK MAGNESIA	38c
25c BAYER'S ASPIRIN	20c
25c BLACK DRAUGHT	20c
25c PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN	15c

This is no special sale for a few days.

THESE CUT PRICES ARE PERMANENT!

We will save you money on your prescriptions in comparison with the above cut prices.

The building we occupied and which was recently damaged by fire has been repaired and redecorated and we are now back in our old location and invite you to call on us when you need anything in the drug line.

JOE BELL
THE DRUGGIST

Phone 64

Coalgate, Okla.

Figure 11. Advertisement by Joe Bell of a sale after the move back to the pre-fire location. From The Coalgate Record-Register, February 25, 1932.

BELL'S DRUG
Reopened for Business in Same
Location
Will appreciate your trade and
patronage
BELL'S DRUG

Figure 12. Notice by Joe Bell that he has opened his store after meeting with his creditors. From *The Coalgate Record-Register*, December 18, 1941.

WELCOME TO
BELL'S DRUG
Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Chili
Fountain Drinks, Ice Cream
D A N C I N G

Figure 13. Advertisement by Joe Bell from *The Coalgate Courier*, March 12, 1942.

MOVING—June 1st
STOCK OF DRUGS to my HOME
Will appreciate the same patron-
age you have given me for the
past 30 years
JOE BELL

Figure 14. Notice by Joe Bell that his drugs would move to his home on June 1. From *The Coalgate Courier*, May 28, 1942.

Cut Rate Drug Store
 WE HAVE RETURNED TO COALGATE AND HAVE
 OPENED A CUT RATE DRUG STORE IN OUR
 RESIDENCE ON QUEEN AVENUE, ONE BLOCK
 WEST OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK ON NO.
 75 HIGHWAY. WE WILL APPRECIATE HAVING
 NEW AS WELL AS OUR OLD PATRONS CALL ON US
 PRESCRIPTION SERVICE DAY OR NIGHT
BELL DRUG
 Telephone 64 Coalgate, Okla.

Figure 15. Notice by Joe Bell of his return to Coalgate and opening of a cut rate drug store at his residence. From *The Coalgate Record-Register*, July 22, 1943.

continued at the Corner Drug Store for about three years before starting work at the Lane Drug Company store in town. His last day at Lane Drug was on August 21, 1924, just before he moved to Kansas City, where he worked for the Stoffer Pharmacy and started studying pharmacy at the Kansas City College of Pharmacy. During his formal education in pharmacy, Bob gained substantial practical experience at Stoffer's as well as at Young's Pharmacy in Kansas City. After obtaining his Pharmaceutical Graduate (Ph.G.) certificate on May 18, 1926, he continued working at Young's until the first of January, 1927.¹⁴

Bob had a position traveling for the Upjohn Drug Company during 1927, living first in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and then in Chickasha, Grady County, Oklahoma. During the same time period, Bob's brother, C. R., took a job in a drug store in Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. C. R., born on October 24, 1907, had gained practical experience in pharmacy by working in local drug stores before moving to Shawnee.¹⁵

By the end of 1927, Bob and C. R. decided to return to their hometown and open a confectionery. The announcement of their decision was made in December of 1927 and the store opened in January of the following year (Figure 19). At first, The Palace was not a drug store although various patent medicines and druggists' sundries were carried from the store's beginning. During the depression years, The Palace added a dance hall, which featured the band of Hogan Hancock at the opening (Figures 20 and 21). The Palace was sometimes referred to as the "Palace of Sweets."¹⁶

The McInnis brothers married their life-long spouses soon after establishing themselves in the Coalgate confectionery business. Bob married Billye Pauline Black, a daughter of William M. and Florence (Ferguson) Black of Atoka, in 1929. Billye was born in Atoka on April 20, 1911. Bob and Billye had two daughters, Bobby Jean and Peggy Jane. On July 31, 1935, C. R. married Katherine Marie Maloney in Weatherford, Parker County, Texas. She was born on February 17, 1913, in Goree, Knox County, Texas, a daughter of Ross Hundley and Vida Viola (Evans) Maloney. C. R. and Katherine had three children, Joy, C. R., Jr., and Gay. Gay

and her husband, Thomas Ray Barnett, have continued the family pharmacy tradition to the current day.¹⁷

Since Bob had a degree in pharmacy and C. R. had substantial working experience in pharmacy, it was a logical step to add a prescription department to The Palace. In April of 1937, the McInnis brothers announced the opening of The Palace Drug Store and Cafe (Figure 22). A new location in the Trio building at the corner of Main Street and Ohio Avenue offered an opportunity to expand the operation. However, at the time, neither brother had a license to practice pharmacy in the state of Oklahoma. Therefore, the task of filling prescriptions in The Palace Drug Store was initially given to a newly hired registered pharmacist, Ervin Nathan Norwood. Bob McInnis took over that job after passing the pharmacy examination for licensure in Oklahoma on June 4 and 5

Groceries, Boots, Shoes AND NOTIONS.

My stock is fresh and clean and the prices are as low as firstclass goods will admit. When you need anything in my line call and see me.

MY LIVERY BARN

Is headquarters for excellent turnouts at living prices.

John McInnes, South Main St.,
Coalgate, Ind. Ter.

Figure 16. Advertisement by the senior John McInnes in *The Coalgate Courier*, December 7, 1899.

Grand Opening!! Grand Opening!!

Of General Stock of

Groceries, Feed, Queensware and NOTIONS.

Open **MONDAY, JULY 27TH**, Ohio Avenue,
Next to Courier Office.

John McInnis, jr.

Figure 17. Advertisement by the junior John McInnis in *The Coalgate Courier*, July 23, 1903.



Figure 18. Photograph of Coalgate, ca. 1915, showing the Corner Drug Store sign in the approximate center. From Tom and Gay (McInnis) Barnett.

The Palace

NOW

**Ready to serve you with
Cigars, Hot Lunch, Cold Drinks
and Candies**

We also carry a full line of Toilet articles

**Be Sure and Attend our
Formal Opening
Monday, Jan. 23**

7:30 to 10 p. m. Fountain Drinks Free

Phone 30 Coalgate, Okla.

Figure 19. Advertisement by the McInnis brothers for the opening of The Palace. From The Coalgate Courier, January 19, 1928.

**Not even four years of depression
could keep us down!**

*We've done what even our best
friends told us we could not do
---and kept on doing it!*

**We've kept Depression out
of our store!**

We've stayed on the job---we've handled the best merchandise possible to get---given the best service humanly possible to give; and because of your patronage we have outgrown our former location. So on February 5th we moved to larger quarters.

And on February 15th we will celebrate the opening of the most beautiful spot in Oklahoma.

DINE AND DANCE

to the music of

HOGAN HANCOCK AND HIS FAMOUS ORCHESTRA
(Formerly of the Lucky Strike Hour, NBC)

Also Spectacular Floor Show, starting at 9 o'clock

Dates \$1.50

Extra Ladies 25c

Stags \$1.75

THE PALACE

COALGATE, OKLAHOMA

Figure 20. Advertisement by The Palace noting a store move and the opening of a dance hall. From The Coalgate Record-Register, February 8, 1934.

of 1940. On June 6, he was issued certificate number 5200.¹⁸

On Sunday morning, December 13, 1942, another devastating fire broke out in Coalgate. This time, the fire destroyed The Palace Drug Store and Cafe and Bey's Grocery. Victor Bey, who had been in the grocery business in Coalgate since the 1890s, soon found an alternate location in a vacant building previously occupied by the First National Bank. In a move calculated to return the McInnis brothers to business quickly, they purchased Bey's grocery in early January of 1943 and moved The Palace Drug Store into the new grocery store site.¹⁹

Bob McInnis became an active participant in the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association (OPhA). In April of 1942, within two years of becoming registered as a pharmacist in Oklahoma, he attended the OPhA meeting in Tulsa where he was elected to represent his district on the nomination committee of the association. Bob became a familiar figure in the OPhA, serving for several years on the Executive Council and, in 1955, being elected as Third Vice-President. In the ensuing years, Bob continued to move up in the chain of officers of the OPhA to First Vice-President in 1958 (Figure 23) and President in 1959 (Figure 24). Billye was active as well in the organization and served her turn as President of the OPhA Auxiliary (Figure 25).²⁰

In May of 1961, Bob McInnis was appointed to replace O. C. Bogdahn of Woodward as a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy. It was during this time that the board was experiencing considerable controversy regarding the licensing of Assistant Pharmacists. Based upon a decision by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the board had been forced against their will to give an examination



Figure 21. Photograph of the dance hall in The Palace during the 1930s. From Tom and Gay (McInnis) Barnett.

Grand Opening . . .

THE PALACE

DRUG STORE AND CAFE
(WHERE YOU ARE AT HOME)

SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

OPEN HOUSE . . . COME IN AND LOOK AROUND!

We Offer You These Specials for Three (3) Days
SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY, APRIL 3-4-5

SOAP	\$1.20 Scott's EMULSION .99c	60c ALKA SELTZER .51c	65c MISTOL .51c
LIFEBUOY	50c BISODOL .39c	60c BROMO SELTZER .51c	50c PENETRO DROPS .37c
WOODBURY'S	50c Phillips MILK of MAGNESIA .41c	\$1.00 CARDUI .79c	30c VICK'S NOSE DROPS .26c
SAYMAN'S	KOTEX .19c	\$1.25 LYDIA E. .99c	35c VICK'S VAPO-RUB .27c
PALMOLIVE	Kotex BELTS .19c	\$1.00 MILES .79c	50c Mentholatum .37c
LAVA	QUEST .19c	NERVINE .79c	35c CHOCOLATE QUININE .27c
LUX	Krub TABLETS .19c	60c SWAMP .49c	\$1.25 CREO-MULSION .99c
SHAVING SOAP	Betty K. BELTS .19c	TOILET TISSUE .5c	ITALIAN BALM, Listerine TOOTH PASTE, both .59c
7c	FIBS .19c	6 for .25c	Royal Anne Cherry CHOCOLATE .24c
3 for .20c	TAMPAX .27c	SHAVING CREAM .19c	Old Time Peanut BRITTLE .29c
PACKER'S Tar SOAP	KLEENEX .15c	BOYER LISTERINE COLGATE'S PALMOLIVE BARBESOL	\$1.00 LUCKY TIGER .81c
CUTICURA	2 for .25c	\$1.00 LUCKY TIGER .81c	100 St. Joseph's ASPIRIN .39c
Colgate's Baby Cattle	TOOTHPASTE .19c	50c HINDS CREAM .39c	50c Chamberlands .39c
19c	LISTERINE COLGATE'S PHILLIPS PEPSODENT DR. WEST	50c KO-JA .29c	50c U. S. LINIMENT .34c
50c LYSOL .41c	TOOTHPASTE .23c	85c KAOLA .71c	35c HUNT'S OIL .24c
50c LAVORIS .41c	FORHAN'S KOLYNOS	75c NUMA-TIZINE .64c	60c SNOW LINIMENT .47c
\$1.00 Peppermint ANTISEPTIC .79c	TOOTHPASTE .39c	50c U. S. LINIMENT .34c	30c SNOW LINIMENT .23c
50c SODIPHENE .41c	PEBECO IODENT NO. 1 IODENT NO. 2 IPANA	50c DWIN FLY SPRAY .39c	
25c Vick's ANTISEPTIC .27c	TOOTH POWDER .19c		
50c S.T. .37c	PEPSODENT DR. LYON'S Hyral, Listerine		
50c Penetro ANTISEPTIC .39c	FRESH BREAD Daily!		
\$1.00 NUJOL .79c			
\$1.00 Cream NUJOL .79c			
75c Upjohn Mineral OIL .54c			
50c Groves CHILL TONIC .41c			
50c Swamp CHILL TONIC .41c			
60c Syrup Peppin .49c			
60c SYRUP of FIGS .49c			
KODAK FILMS			

SATURDAY ONLY SPECIALS

12-oz. Pabst Special Blue Ribbon Beer . . . 5c
SERVED IN THE BAR ROOM ONLY

2 Ice Cream Cones 5c | 2 Root Beers . . . 5c
SERVED AT OUR FOUNTAIN

Gumbo Ice Cream Soda . . . 10c

Have Your Prescription Filled from a Fresh Stock of Drugs . . . Just Like Your Doctor Orders!

Figure 22. Advertisement for the grand opening of the Palace Drug Store and Cafe (including bar room). From *The Coalgate Record-Register*, April 1, 1937.



Figure 23. Officers elected at the 1958 annual meeting of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association were, seated from left, John Conrad, Bob McInnis, Tate Taylor, Clyde Miller, and Joe Schwemin. Standing from left are Pete Weaver, J. R. White, Leon Conley, Bill Chamlee, Paul Bollinger, and Leo Berkenbile. From *Oklahoma Pharmacist*, 23 (May, 1958): 7.

for the purpose of licensing non-graduates of pharmacy having only practical experience in a drug store. On May 1, just before Bob's first meeting on May 10 as a board member, the Oklahoma senate rejected the reappointment of William J. Vickers of Ardmore as Secretary of the pharmacy board. Vickers was initially appointed by newly elected Governor James Howard Edmondson in 1959 to replace J. C. Cobb of Tishomingo. The reappointment of Vickers in 1961 was rejected largely because he refused to sign the licenses of those who had recently qualified to receive certificates as Assistant Pharmacists. Consequently, Kathy Poore, who had been Assistant Secretary under Vickers, signed the minutes of the May 10 meeting.²¹

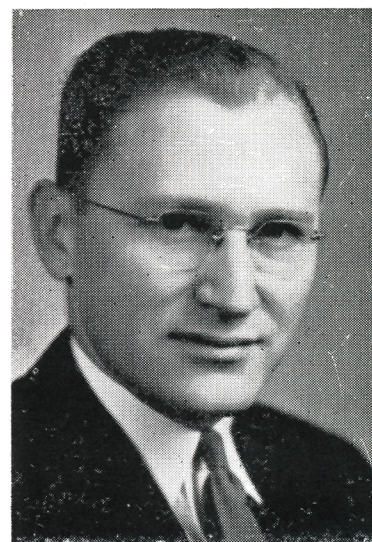
A new pharmacy law passed by the Oklahoma legislature in 1961 called for an increase in the number of members of the pharmacy board from four to five. Earl Hurd of Shawnee became the new fifth member of the board in August of that year (Figure 26). In September, Duane L. Kincaid of Tulsa took over as Executive Secretary of the board. In November, Gordon Richards of Shawnee was appointed to be a member of the State Highway Commission and Paul A. Bollinger of Muskogee selected as his replacement on the pharmacy board. At the same time, Bob McInnis was elected board president (Figure 27). Bob remained president of the pharmacy board until his death on July 7, 1964.²²

C. R. McInnis issued the request for Tom Barnett to become pharmacist at the Palace Drug just after Bob died. Tom came to work at Palace Drug in July of 1964. Tom and Gay Barnett operated the Palace in conjunction with C. R. and Katherine for several years afterward (Figures 28 and 29). In early 1966, C. R. and Katherine bought the Palace Drug in Idabel, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, which became available after January 6 when the pre-



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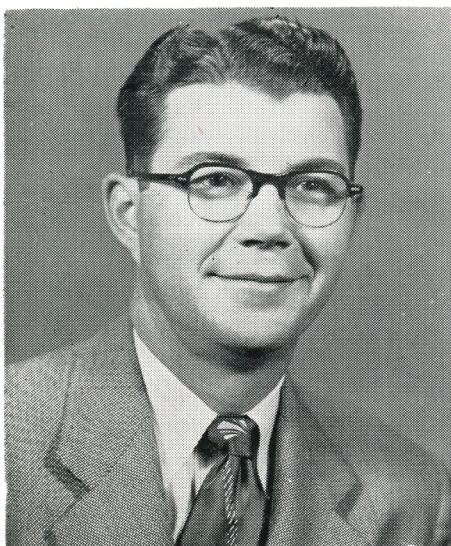


Figure 24. Officers of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association in the year of the presidency of Bob McInnis. From Oklahoma Pharmacist, 25 (May, 1960): 5.



Mrs. Roy Gilliland, Tulsa
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Mrs. R. J. McInnis, Coalgate
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Figure 25. Officers of the Auxilliary of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association in the year of the presidency of Billye (Black) McInnis. From Oklahoma Pharmacist, 27 (May, 1962): 19.

vious owner, William R. Anderson, died suddenly. Not long after C. R. and Katherine bought the Palace Drug in Idabel, the Palace Drug in Coalgate was again devastated by fire. On the morning of October 3, 1966, a fire started in the back of the Palace Drug, destroying merchandise and fixtures. The Palace was located in temporary quarters and replenished by stock from the Idabel store.²³

In 1976, Tom and Gay Barnett became the sole owners of the Palace Drug in Coalgate. C. R. McInnis died in Idabel on December 22, 1980, only about a year after retiring. Katherine died on October 11, 1992 and is buried next to C. R. in the Coalgate Cemetery.²⁴

Today, the Palace Drug in Coalgate remains a thriving and viable entity, thanks to the care given by Tom and Gay Barnett in carrying on the family tradition and by their pharmacist/manager, Joe Don Burns.

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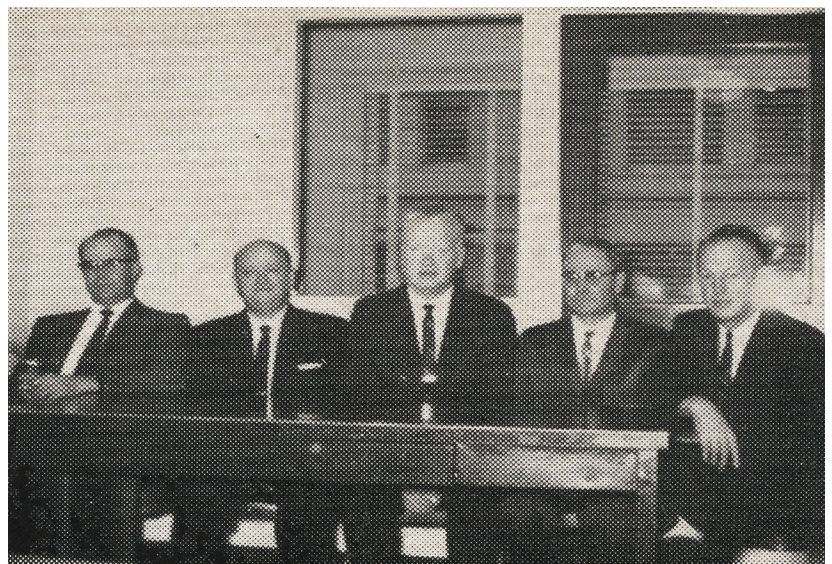


Figure 26. Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy shortly after the appointment of Bob McInnis. From left are Eric Murray, Bob McInnis, Gordon Richards, Deane Raley, and Earl Hurd. From Oklahoma Pharmacist, 27 (September, 1961): 13.



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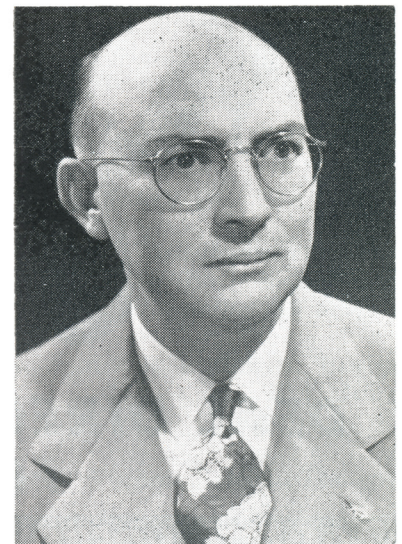


Figure 27. Members of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy in the year after Bob McInnis became president. From *Oklahoma Pharmacist*, 27 (May, 1962): 17.

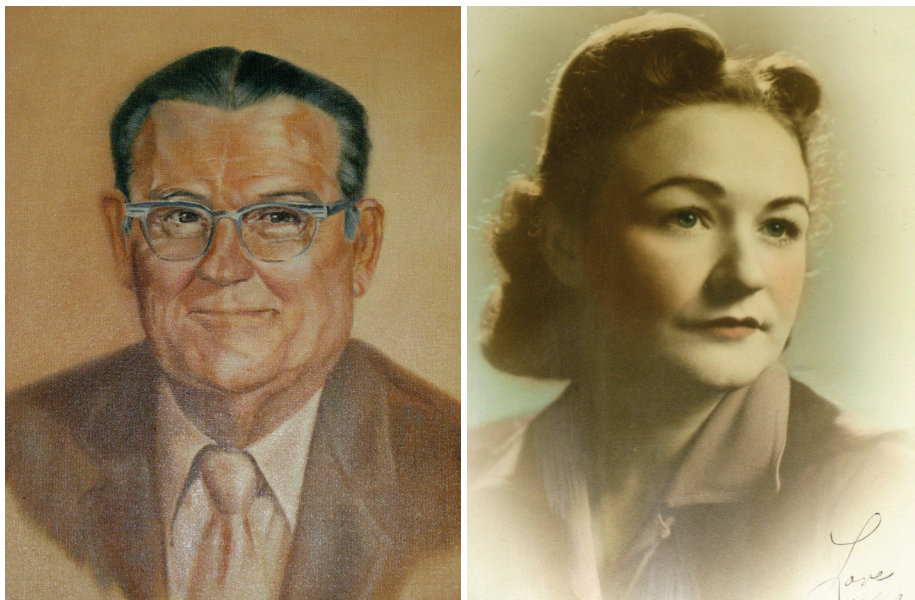


Figure 28. Artist's painting of Claud Ray McInnis and photograph of Katherine (Maloney) McInnis. From Tom and Gay (McInnis) Barnett.

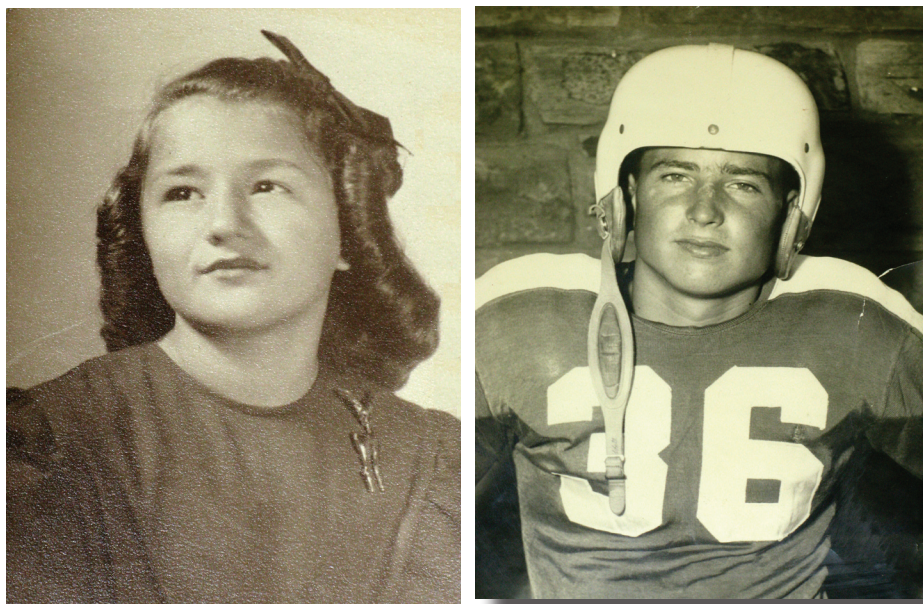


Figure 29. Photographs of Gay McInnis and Thomas Ray Barnett, member of the Coalgate High School football team. From Tom and Gay (McInnis) Barnett.

as Ray Barnett, and Gay (McInnis) Barnett of the Palace Drug in Coalgate, Oklahoma, to William Joseph Bell of Oklahoma City, to David Edwards, and to Jan Davis, Carol Guilliams, Linda Raulston, Linda Colbert, and Colleen Greene, professionals in the Archives and Records Division at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Notes and References

¹ Information about recent operations of Coalgate's Palace Drug was obtained from Gay and Tom Barnett and Joe Don Burns during a visit by the author on October 12, 2010, and from The Coalgate Record-Register, March 24, 2010.

² Information about the family of Joe Bell was obtained from United States census records and obituaries found in The Coalgate Courier, March 20, 1924, January 11, 1934, and March 19, 1936; The Coalgate Record-Register, March 27, 1924, March 19, 1936, October 11, 1951, October 30, 1958, and August 18, 1960. Additionally, family members Gay (McInnis) Barnett of Coalgate, William J. Bell of Oklahoma City, and David Edwards, through his rootsweb.com family file as accessed November, 2010, served as important sources of information.

³ In 1900, William was working in a coal mine in Las Animas County, Colorado, and Barbara was living with her second husband, Robert H.

Brown, in Coalgate. Coalgate profiles were found in Betty Poe, Compiler and Editor, History of Coal County, Oklahoma. (Dallas, TX, Curtis Media Corporation, 1986).

⁴ At the time of his application for registration by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy on February 12, 1908, Joe Bell certified that he was twenty-four years of age and had been engaged in the drug business for eight years. Listing formal education in pharmacy was not a necessary requirement in his board application. At the time of statehood, Joe was issued pharmacist certificate number 38 on the basis of his registration with the Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy. Information found in pharmacist files at the Archives and Records Division, Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL). The June 11, 1903, issue of The Coalgate Courier noted that Joe Bell was back from Muskogee where he spent several months attending Bacone. On September 17, 1903, the Courier reported that Joe went to Sherman, Texas, to enter school for the year. The April 27, 1905, issue of the newspaper noted

that Joe Bell of St. Louis was visiting friends in Coalgate.

⁵ From the Minutes and Registration Book of the Board of Pharmacy of Indian Territory, located in the Archives and Records Division, ODL; Carl K. Buckner, The Indian Territory Board of Pharmacy. Oklahoma Pharmacist, 74 (No. 3, 2006): 27-35.

⁶ Among the news items from Phillips published in The Coalgate Record of April 29, 1910, was a short note that Joe Bell bought Spangler's drug store there. According to The Coalgate Courier of January 18, 1906, Spangler purchased the store from Hilliard and Wallace. As noted in the Courier on December 23, 1909, Joe Bell's family got out of the burning house, but the contents were destroyed. On November 16, 1911, the Courier carried the story of the purchase by Joe Bell of Paul Culbertson's Drug Store. Joe Bell's home was destroyed by another fire on January 26, 1930, while Joe and Emma Lou were visiting in Oklahoma City. In both home fires, all contents were lost. The Coalgate Record-Register, January 30, 1930.

⁷ Joe Bell family information obtained from United States census records, Alabama marriage records, and the rootsweb.com site of David Edwards.

⁸ Information concerning the friendship between the Bell and Hudson families was obtained from William J. Bell, grandson of Joe Bell.

⁹ The report of the fire was published in The Coalgate Record-Register, January 14, 1932. The wedding of Joseph Connally Bell and Marie Hunt was reported in *ibid.*, January 28, 1932.

¹⁰ Notice that Joe Bell had filed for bankruptcy on November 15, 1941, and that a meeting of his creditors in the Coal County Courthouse was scheduled for November 28, 1941, was published in The Coalgate Record-Register, November 20, 1941. The fire damage to Bell Drug in February of 1942 was reported in The Coalgate Courier, February 26, 1942, and the reopening announced in *ibid.*, March 5, 1942. William Joseph Bell, grandson of Joe Bell, recalled that Joe was so generous that he "died broke."

¹¹ The Bell's move to Detroit was reported in The Coalgate Courier, October 15, 1942, and their move back to Coalgate in The Coalgate Record-Register, July 8, 1943. Newspaper advertisements placed by Joe Bell were not found after the November 4, 1943, issue of The Coalgate Record-Register. The last Hayes Druggist Directory listing for Joe Bell's drug store in Coalgate was in the 1943 edition. The certification for reciprocation of Joe Bell's pharmacy registration to Arkansas, dated November 18, 1953, is in his application file in the Archives and Records Division of ODL. The respective obituaries for Emma Lou and Joe Bell were published in the Coalgate Record-Register, October 11, 1951, and October 30, 1958.

¹² The wedding announcement for Lizzie Bell and John McInnes was carried in The Coalgate Courier, February 27, 1902. McInnes family information was obtained from United States census records, the rootsweb.com family file of David Edwards, Gay (McInnis) Barnett, and obituaries found as listed in reference 2 as well as in The Coalgate Courier, March 19, 1914, and August 22, 1918; The Coalgate Record-Register, July 31, 1941, July 9, 1964, December 25, 1980, August 17, 1988, and October 14, 1992; McCurtain Daily Gazette (Idabel), December 22, 1980.

¹³ Dates and places of births and weddings for McInnis family members vary depending upon the source of the information. Those provided in this paragraph were from obituaries. The birthplace of John McInnis, Jr., is sometimes listed as Pennsylvania in the United States census records. A profile of John McInnes, Sr., was published in The Coalgate Courier, October 26, 1899.

¹⁴ The obituary for Lizzie (Bell) McInnis in The Coalgate Record-Register, August 18, 1960, notes that she worked for many years in the Corner Drug Store. The 1920 United States census lists her occupation as "Sale-slady" in a drug store. Pharmacy experience for Bob McInnis was found in his application for registration by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy in the Archives and Records Division, ODL.

¹⁵ Information about the 1927 work experience of Bob and C. R. McInnis was obtained from The Coalgate Record-Register, February 17, 1927, July 28, 1927, September 8, 1927, and December 15, 1927.

¹⁶ The Coalgate Courier carried the announcement of the new confectionary on December 22, 1927, and the opening advertisement on January 19, 1928. Reference to The Palace as the "Palace of Sweets" was made in The Coalgate Courier, February 5, 1931. An advertisement and a description of the new facility, including the dance floor, was published in The Coalgate Record-Register, February 8, 1934. The Palace also maintained slot machines, three of which were stolen in September of 1935. C. R. McInnis tracked the thief and recovered the

machines unopened in a ditch outside of Coalgate. *Ibid.*, September 10, 1935.

¹⁷ Family information obtained from sources listed in references 2, 12, and 14 above.

¹⁸ The opening of the Palace Drug and Cafe was announced in The Coalgate Record-Register on April 1, 1937. The application by R. J. McInnis for pharmacy registration by examination in Oklahoma is located in the Archives and Records Division, ODL.

¹⁹ Report of the Coalgate fire was carried in The Coalgate Courier, December 17, 1942. The purchase of Bey's Grocery by the McInnis brothers was reported in The Coalgate Record-Register, January 7, 1943. The official opening of the newly remodeled space containing The Palace Drug was held at 7:00 p. m. on February 11, 1943. *Ibid.*, February 11, 1943.

²⁰ Issues of The Coalgate Record-Register on April 23 and April 30, 1942, carried the news of the early participation by Bob McInnis in the OPhA. The Oklahoma Pharmacist

²¹ A list of meetings and members of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy was obtained by the author in 2006, courtesy of Bryan Potter, Executive Director of the board. News items regarding William Vickers and the board controversy were published in The Daily Oklahoman issues for May 2, May 3, May 6, May 9, and May 27 of 1961.

²² *Ibid.* Obituaries for Bob McInnis were published in The Coalgate Record-Register and The Daily Oklahoman on July 9, 1964. He is buried alongside his wife Billye, who died on August 12, 1988. The Coalgate Record-Register, August 17, 1988.

²³ Bill Anderson moved from Valliant to Idabel in about 1950. In 1959, he and his wife Johnnie bought the prescription files from the Kniseley Rexall Drug and incorporated them into their Palace Drug Store. McCurtain Gazette (Idabel), April 8, 1959, and January 5, 1966. The fire that destroyed Palace Drug in Coalgate was reported in The Coalgate Record-Register, October 6, 1966.

²⁴ Obituaries for C. R. and Katherine McInnis were published in McCurtain Daily Gazette (Idabel), December 22, 1980, and The Coalgate Record-Register issues of December 25, 1980, and October 14, 1992.